

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 40, line 12 as follows:

Next process is branched out depending on whether or not the synchronization information frame receiving section 105 receives the synchronization information frame from the new master terminal (S112). The judgment of the synchronization information frame from the new master terminal is performed as follows. Specifically, by referring to i) which of the network terminals transmits the synchronization information frame at the current time, which is found out in the step S111, ii) the terminal ID number included in the priority list, and iii) the master-master terminal ID number included in the synchronization information frame (Fig. 13) transmitted form the new master terminal in the current time, it is possible to confirm that the synchronization information frame received at the time T is transmitted not from the other master terminal but from the new master terminal determined through the foregoing operations.